



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2137**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 09812.0590-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Taizo SHIRAI et al.

Application No.: 09/982,711

Filed: October 18, 2001

For: INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE,
INFORMATION PLAYBACK DEVICE,
INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM,
INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD,
INFORMATION PLAYBACK METHOD,
AND PROVIDING MEDIUM

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH APPELLANTS
APPEAL BRIEF FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.37

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 26, 2006, and pursuant to
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.116, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are set forth beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.